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FLIGHT TRIALS OF LASER PODS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether delay in flight trials of laser designated pods has restricted use of Jaguar Aircraft to only light hours;

(b) if so, the reasons for such delay; and

(c) the steps being taken to stem this risk to national defence preparedness?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (c): The Laser Designated Pod (LDP) has not restricted the operation of the Jaguar aircraft to light hours only.The Jaguar aircraft is cleared for operations in both day and night. There has been some delay in the LDP integration on the existing Jaguar aircraft owing to the limited capacity of the mission computer. It has now been decided to integrate the LDP on the upgraded Jaguar. The upgrade programme is in progress.